

a seal attached to the first connector, the seal being elastically deformed by the flange when the first and second connectors are coupled;

at least one first pressing element radially pressed against the side surface of the flange when the first and second connectors are coupled, the first pressing element projecting radially, transversely to the plug direction, into the receiving slot; and

at least one second pressing element receiving the end face of the flange under axially directed pressing tension at an end of a coupling operation of the first and second connectors, the second pressing element being situated in the receiving slot.

8. (New) The plug connection according to claim 7, further comprising a contact carrier, and wherein the first pressing element forms one piece with the contact carrier as part of the housing of the first connector and is composed of an inherently stable plastic.

9. (New) The plug connection according to claim 8, wherein the first pressing element extends around the contact carrier.

10. (New) The plug connection according to claim 8, wherein a circumferential extent of the first pressing element at the contact carrier is partially interrupted and forms individual pressing regions that can alternatively be re-formed into individual pressing points.

11. (New) The plug connection according to claim 8, wherein the second pressing element is situated at a closed end of the receiving slot and is formed in the contact carrier as a circumferential ring composed of an elastic material having a Shore hardness of at least 60.

12. (New) The plug connection according to claim 11, wherein the second pressing element is formed from hard rubber.

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment cancels without prejudice claims 1-6 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE01/01147, and adds without prejudice new claims 7- 12 . The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.